(c) by when a decision would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) At present, the Central Government makes available wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene oil under the Public Distribution System to the State and UT Governments for distribution through the Fair Price Shops (FPS). In order to increase the viability of FPSs, under the System, the State Governments have been advised to allow the FPSs, to sell other non-PDS items of daily consumption/use also. Some States have already allowed sale of such items through the FPSs. However, LPG is not a rationed item. It is a purely commercial good marketed by Government Oil Companies through their dstributors appointed as per their commercial consideration.

(b) and (c) Government has not taken any decision to provide training to TPDS shopkeepers.

**Condition of foodgrain godowns**

†2044. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of foodgrain godowns is not good in the country and due to the lack of proper maintenance most of foodgrain stocks get decayed;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to maintain them properly and whether any additional plan has been formulated for this purpose; and

(c) the total number of foodgrain godowns in different States in the country at present and the total number, out of these godowns which are not in good condition alongwith the details thereof, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) and (b) No, Sir. All the godown, held by Food Corporation of India (FCI), either owned or hired, are in good condition. While FCI godowns in the country are scientifically constructed as per ISI Code 607-1971 and are being maintained properly, hired godowns are taken only after thorough inspection by a team of FCI officers.

(c) A Detail indicating the State-wise number of godowns held by the FCI as on 30.06.2007 is given in Statement. FCI has informed that all these godowns are in good conditions.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

***Statement***

*State-wise number of depot (owned and hired/covered and (Cap) available with food corporation of lndia as on 30.06.2007*

| Region/U.T. | RCI. Owned | Covered | | | | Total Hired | Total Covered | Cap Owned | (Open) Hired | Total | Grand Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Hired from | | | | | | | | | |
| | | State Govt. | C.W.C. | S.W.C. | Private Parties | | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| Bihar | 14 | 1 | 8 | 15 | 10 | 34 | 48 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| Jharkhand | 6 | 1 | 2 | 9 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 |
| Orissa | 23 | 0 | 10 | 40 | 1 | 51 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 |
| West Bengal | 26 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 6 | 15 | 41 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 41 |
| Sikkim | 1.00 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| TOTAL: | 70 | 5 | 27 | 64 | 19 | 115 | 185 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 185 |
| Assam | 17 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 10 | 15 | 32 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 32 |
| Arunachal Pradesh | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Meghalaya | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Mizoram | 4 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Tripura | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Manipur | 3 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 |
| Nagaland | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 38 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 24 | 62 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 62 |
| Delhi | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 10 |
| Haryana | 36 | 22 | 9 | 26 | 8 | 65 | 101 | 25 | 1 | 26 | 121 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Himachal Pradesh | 6 | 8 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 17 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| Jammu & Kashmir | 14 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 10 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 |
| Punjab | 111 | . 2 | 7 | 73 | 23 | 115 | 226 | 93 | 0 | 93 | 319 |
| Chandigarh | 4 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 | 11 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 15 |
| Rajasthan | 35 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 47 | 15 | 18 | 33 | 80 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 52 | 2 | 20 | 20 | 3 | 45 | 97 | 28 | 0 | 28 | 125 |
| Uttranchal | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 | 1 | 16 | 21 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 23 |
| TOTAL: | 269 | 41 | 50 | 145 | 45 | 281 | 550 | 171 | 19 | 190 | 740 |
| Andhra Pradesh | 35 | 0 | 17 | 74 | 2 | 93 | 128 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 133 |
| Andaman Nikobar | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Kerala | 23 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 29 |
| Karnataka | 21 | 0 | 6 | 10 | 0 | 16 | 37 | 9 | 0 | 9 | 46 |
| Tamil Nadu | 13 | 0 | 5 | 7 | 0 | 12 | 25 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 31 |
| Pondicherry | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| TOTAL: | 96 | 0 | 28 | 92 | 2 | 122 | 218 | 27 | 0 | 27 | 245 |
| Gujarat | 15 | 2 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 22 | 10 | 0 | 10 | 32 |
| Maharashtra | 17 | 2 | 14 | 20 | 6 | 42 | 59 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 64 |
| Goa | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Madhya Pradesh | 23 | 1 | 9 | 22 | 4 | 36 | 59 | 6 | 0 | 6 | 65 |
| Chhattisgarh | 18 | 0 | 5 | 19 | 1 | 25 | 43 | 2 | 11 | 13 | 56 |
| TOTAL: | 74 | 5 | 33 | 61 | 11 | 110 | 184 | 23 | 11 | 34 | 218 |
| GRAND TOTAL: | 547 | 56 | 143 | 366 | 87 | 652 | 1199 | 221 | 30 | 251 | 1450 |